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<Object of Search>

Claims 1-13 involve any rolling method. However, it is only a rolling by a steel bar groove roll as described in the specification that is disclosed in the meaning of PCT Article 5. Even if common general technical knowledge is taken into account in the application, the any rolling method is inadequately supported in the meaning of PCT Article 6.

Accordingly, the search was performed in a scope adequately supported by and disclosed in the specification, i.e., on the rolling by the steel bar groove roll specifically described in the specification.